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For: SILICON CARBIDE SUBLIMATION SYSTEMS
AND ASSOCIATED METHODS

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Interview Summary to respond to the Interview Summary mailed March 3, 2004, of an interview with Applicant's representative, D. Randal Ayers, on February 17, 2004. Applicant concurs in the Interview Summary provided by the Examiner as accurately reflecting the interview. In particular, in the interview, the Examiner indicated that the combination of Pinkashov, Davis et al. and Kuehnle did not teach or suggest sublimation of the silicon carbide using an electric arc. (Cf. Examiner's Amendment at 3). As such, the Examiner indicated that the pending claims would be allowable over the cited art. However, as Claim 1 did not expressly state that a sublimation process was used (it simply refers to a "sublimation system"), the Examiner indicated that the word "vaporize" in line 9 of Claim 1 and the word "vaporized" in line 10 of Claim 1 should be changed to "sublimate" and "sublimated", respectively, to make it clear that Claim 1 is directed to a method of growing silicon carbide via a sublimation process. Applicant's representative authorized these amendments by Examiner's Amendment so as to place the application in condition for allowance. No exhibits were used during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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